Course Outline

SPCH 48
Speech International Field Studies

Catalog Statement
SPCH 48 provides college credit for travel and study in foreign countries at the student’s own expense in programs provided by agencies approved in advance by the College and under the direction of a Glendale Community College instructor.

Total Lecture Units: 1.0-3.0
Total Laboratory Units: 0.0
Total Course Units: 1.0-3.0

Total Lecture Hours: 16.0-48.0
Total Laboratory Hours: 0.0
Total Laboratory Hours To Be Arranged: 0.0
Total Faculty Contact Hours: 16.0-48.0

Note: This course may be taken 4 times; a maximum of 12 units may be earned. Each repetition must be in a different country and/or area of the world.

Prerequisite: None

Course Entry Expectations

Prior to enrolling in the course, the student should be able to:
N/A

Course Exit Standards

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:
• present visual, oral, or written reports on specific cultural or historical events and places encountered during the target program;
• demonstrate in a formal speech or research paper significant differences in some specific aspect of the target culture when compared with that of the United States;
• discuss major features of the target culture;
• describe current cultures and problems of the area visited;
• evaluate the knowledge gained from study abroad.

Course Content

Total Faculty Contact Hours = 16.0 to 48.0

Introduction to the History of the Target Country (2-18 hours)
Introduction to Current Political, Cultural, and Social Situation of the Target Country (2-18 hours)
Visitation to Significant Political, Social, Scientific, Cultural, and Natural History Sites of the Target Country (4-36 hours)

Lecture at On-site Visits to Significant Political, Social, Scientific, Cultural, and Natural History Sites of the Target Country (4-36 hours)

Major Differences Between the Target Culture and the United States (4-36 hours)

Methods of Instruction

The following methods of instruction may be used in this course:

- classroom lectures;
- on-site lectures and demonstrations;
- small group discussions;
- multi-media presentations;
- on-site visitations and lectures;
- student research and/or field investigations.

Out of Class Assignments

The following out of class assignments may be used in this course:

- students write reports on subjects associated with the places visited.

Methods of Evaluation

The following methods of evaluation may be used in this course:

- field journals representing the students’ views of learned material and how they relate to places visited;
- students present library and field based research papers on aspects of places visited;
- students submit a portfolio of materials about environs of the target area.

Textbooks

As specified by individual instructors

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:

- demonstrate concepts and knowledge gained through field research, activities and experience abroad.